

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION

Blue Spike, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Texas Instruments, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 6:12-cv-499 MHS

LEAD CASE

Jury Trial Demanded

Blue Spike, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Vobile, Inc.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 6:12-cv-539 MHS

CONSOLIDATED CASE

Jury Trial Demanded

**PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSED MOTION TO AUTHORIZE JURISDICTIONAL
DISCOVERY FROM DEFENDANT VOBILE, INC.**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a) & (d) and Local Rule CV-26(d), Plaintiff Blue Spike, LLC files this Motion to Authorize Jurisdictional Discovery From Defendant Vobile, Inc. and states:

1. Blue Spike filed its original Complaint in this patent infringement action on August 16, 2012.
2. On October 10, 2012, Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2). In the motion, Defendant contends that this Court lacks personal jurisdiction over it and that the claims against it should therefore be dismissed.

3. On October 29, 2012, Blue Spike filed its Response to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. In its Response, Blue Spike outlines the basis for this Court's jurisdiction over Defendant—namely, that Defendant's websites operate as active vehicles for soliciting business in Texas and that Defendant necessarily uses its contacts with Texas to infringe the patents-in-suit.

4. If, however, the Court believes additional evidence on these issues is necessary, Blue Spike requests that the Court enter an Order authorizing Blue Spike to conduct specific jurisdictional discovery regarding Defendant. The Federal Circuit has repeatedly held that where the parties have not conducted jurisdictional discovery, a plaintiff need only make a *prima facie* showing of jurisdiction. *See, e.g., Graphic Controls Corp. v. Utah Medical Products, Inc.*, 149 F.3d 1382, 1383 n.1 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *Deprenyl Animal Health, Inc. v. University of Toronto Innovations Foundation*, 297 F.3d 1343, 1347 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Blue Spike has made that showing and now requests jurisdictional discovery to supplement it.

5. This discovery, attached to this Motion as Exhibits 1 through 3, will primarily ask for information about the following issues: (1) Defendant's solicitation of customers, prospective employees, and business in Texas; (2) the extent of Defendant's web-crawling activities within Texas or concerning Texas sources; (3) Defendant's collection of data and other information from sources within Texas; (4) Defendant's sales or distribution of products and services that reach Texas consumers; and (5) Defendant's creation or use of sales networks or relationships that reach into Texas. Other discovery may be necessary as well, but these items are indisputably relevant to Defendant's claims that it does not conduct business in Texas or this District.

6. The requested discovery and disclosures will also provide Blue Spike with additional evidence to include in an Amended Complaint and submit in an amended opposition

to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. These are additional reasons for the Court to authorize the requested discovery and disclosures. *See Trintec Industries, Inc. v. Pedre Promotional Products, Inc.*, 395 F.3d 1275, 1283 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (holding that jurisdictional discovery is appropriate where party demonstrates that it can supplement its jurisdictional allegations through discovery); *Patterson v. Dietze, Inc.*, 764 F.2d 1145, 1148 (5th Cir. 1985) ("jurisdictional discovery is within the trial court's discretion and will not be disturbed ordinarily unless there are unusual circumstances showing a clear abuse").

7. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a) & (d) and Local Rule CV-26(d), and for the reasons stated above, Blue Spike respectfully requests that the Court grant this Motion. Specifically, Blue Spike requests: (1) that it be allowed to propound the attached interrogatories and requests for production to Defendant dealing specifically with jurisdictional issues; (2) that these discovery requests not count against the limited number of discovery requests available to Plaintiff under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and this Court's local rules; (3) that it be allowed to depose Rule 30(b)(6) representatives most knowledgeable about the jurisdictional issues raised by Defendant; and (4) that the Defendant be ordered to produce all documents and information relevant to its jurisdictional defenses within 30 days; and (5) that Blue Spike be allowed to file an amended Response to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss and an Amended Complaint after conducting this discovery.

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WHEREFORE, Blue Spike prays that the Court grant its Motion and enter an order authorizing the requested discovery and mandating the requested disclosures.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on behalf of Blue Spike, LLC, I, along with my colleague, Christopher Honea of the law firm Garteiser Honea, P.C. and co-counsel, Michael Benefield of the Albritton Law Firm, have met and conferred with counsel for Defendant, David Jakopin and Laura Schut of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, on February 21, 2013 regarding the relief requested herein. Counsel for Defendant has indicated that they are opposed to leave being granted for serving jurisdictional discovery.

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